

Somewhere in New Guinea

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Dearest Nancy,

I was so glad you all received my letter and cable and hope you have received many more by now—and I hope, too, you have written me some.

Did you get to go to Jackson Easter as you had planned? I'm sure you must have enjoyed it, if you did go. No doubt John Royce is very big now and Johnnie too.

This morning I had a papaya (Paw-paw the natives call it) for breakfast. I know you would like some. They ~~must~~ look very much like small cantaloupes, with a smooth green and yellow rind. The meat is soft like mushmellon, but has a taste of its very own. A little bit of orange flavor is about as near as I can describe it.

Have you received the bracelet yet—and how do you like it? I want you to know I made it myself and that accounts for it being a not very good job.

Write me again often. I like to read your letters very much.

Love, from your dad,

*Max*